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From on Board the Ship *Concord*, commanded by Captain *Thomas Grantham*, Nov. 12. 1678.

ON the 24th past in the night, being in the Latitude of 48, *about* 120 *Leagues from the* Lands-end *of* England, *we met with three Sail of Ships, and a small Bark, one of which proved to be the Admiral of* Argiers, *a new Frigat of* 48 *Guns, called the* Rose, *and commanded by* Canary *a Spanish Renegado; the other two* Virginia *men, the one of* Plimouth, *the other of* Dartmouth, *and the Bark of* Ireland. *The* Algierin *haled us in* English, From whence? *We answered,* From London: *He told us he was the* Rupert *Frigat, and commanded our Boat on Board, which our Captain refused, knowing it could not be the* Rupert. *The* Turk *kept company with us all night, which gave us some time to fit our Ship, and get our Boats out; when it was light, he put abroad his bloody Flag at Main Topmost Head, fires a Gun, and commands us to Strike to the King of* Argiers, *and to Admiral* Canary, *we gave him a,* What Cheer Hoe; *He comes up with us, and passes his Broad-side upon us, having* 13 *Guns on a side of his Lower Tire: We returned him as good a Salute as we could; he Steered from us, falls a Stern, loaded his Guns with double Head and round Partridge, and then came up again with us, claps us on Board, grapples with us on the Quarter, and made fast his Sprit-Sail Top-Mast to our Main Bolings, our Main Sail being furled. After two or three hours dispute, finding he could not master us, he cut away our Boats, and fires us on the Quarter, and our Mizen-Yard being shot down, fired our Sail, which burnt very vehemently, and immediately set all the after-part of our Ship on fire. Our Captain kept the Round-House and Cuddy, till the Fire forced him to retreat, all that were with him being killed and wounded, and being got down into the great Cabin and Steeridge, he Sallied out with those that were there, with a resolution rather to be burnt than take. In the interim the* Turks *Foresail, hanging in the Brailes over our Poop, took Fire; then he would fain have got clear of us, but we endeavoured to keep him fast, and as many as run up to cut him clear, we fetcht down with our Small Shot, until his Sails, Mast, Shrouds, and Yards, were all in a blaze, then we cut loose, and immediately his Mast to the Deck went by the Board, with many Men in his Top, and his Bloody Flag. Several of the Men betook themselves to their Boats, but at last they overcame the Fire; as Thanks be to God we did likewise on Board our Ship, having our Mizen-Mast burnt by the Board, and all the after-part of our Ship burnt. There was little or no Wind, the* Turk *got out his Oars, and rowed till he was out of shot of us; had it pleased God we had had a Gale, we should have released many Christians; we had not leisure to save any* Turks, *but preserved one* Nicholas Humfries, *formerly a Mate of a Ship, who had been in Slavery* 13 *months: From whom we understood, that the day before, this* Canary *had in company with him three* Algierins *more, one of* 34 *Guns, the other of* 30, *and the third of* 28; *that they parted in Chacing certain Ships, and that their design was to Cruise between the* Lands-end *and* Ushant; *that there are* 24 *Sail of them abroad, most of them out of the* Streights. *There being but little Wind, the* Algierin *and we kept in sight of each other all that day, and the next morning, and then it proving a small Gale, and having an account from the said* Humfries, *of the three other* Algierins, *we steered away our Course for* Virginia, *but that day, viz. the 26th, about Two in the afternoon, we saw a Sail a head of us, standing in with us, we fitted our Ship, and when he came near us, he proved one of the three Ships abovementioned, viz. that of* 34 *Guns, we stood with him, upon which he fills and runs from us, we Chaced him till Sun-set, then stood away our Course, and saw no more of him. We had killed and wounded on Board of us in the Action with* Canary 21 *Men, but of the* Turks, *according to the account from aboard them, at least* 70 *or* 80 *are killed.*

Dantzick, Nov. 23. This afternoon we have advice, that the *Swedes* came on Thursday last before *Memel*, and summoned the place; that the Governor had answered, that he had nothing at their service but Powder and Bullet, and that soon after he had made a Sally with 7 or 800 men, but that he had not succeeded in it, being repulsed with the loss of a great many men; that the *Swedes* had thereupon set fire to the Suburbs, and that the wind had communicated the flames to the Town, of which the greatest part was laid in ashes; that the next day the *Swedes* marched off from *Memel* towards *Tilse*, which is a Pass of very great use and importance to them that are possest of it, and which is therefore strongly guarded by the *Brandenburgs*.

Strasburgh, Nov. 28. The Duke of *Lorrain* does with his presence very much advance the Fortifications that are making at *Kiel*. The Bridge over the *Rhine* is now quite finished, and we are going to raise some Works for the security of it. The next week the Duke of *Lorrain* will go for *Eslingen*, to meet his Queen there, and so to take their Journey together for *Vienna*.

Cologne, Decemb. 2. Three dayes since Lieutenant General *Calvo* was with 3000 Men, and 6 or 7 pieces of Cannon at *Duren* and *Bergem*; Yesterday he came to *Glabbach*, and this day hath taken the Town of *Kempen*; his design being, as is believed, to enter into the Countrey of *Cleves*, and it is said that he is to be followed by 4000 Men more. The *French* are fortifying *Bergem*, and have possessed themselves likewise of *Kensenich*, two Leagues from hence, where they pretend to erect a Magazine. And at *Esseren*, which is but a League from hence, they have made 18 or 20 Ovens for the baking of Bread, so that we are here in great apprehensions of a Siege. The Bishop of *Munster* hath written to our Magistrates, to offer them an assistance of 6000 Men; but they are not very forward to accept it, desiring rather to obtain a Neutrality of the *French*.

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